

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) is to assist in identifying adoptive families for waiting children in Michigan. Core services include:

- A tracking system for all children whose goal is adoption.
- Publishing a website and quarterly recruitment periodical of available children.
- Maintaining a registry of approved adoptive families seeking to adopt children from foster care.
- Identification of preliminary matches between a child and approved prospective adoptive families.
- Videotaping of children for specialized recruitment.
- Publishing quarterly newsletters for adoption professionals, families, and youth.
- Assisting local communities in developing adoption recruitment activities.
- Coordination of the Michigan Heart Gallery recruitment effort.
- Providing youth-based services, including a youth advisory board, website and related services.
- Facilitating statewide DHS Adoption Oversight Committee and related workgroups.
- Providing intake and referral services for families interested in adoption.

**Contact
Information**

Detailed MARE information can be found at: www.mare.org

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